

**REQUEST
for
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/890,871
Filing Date	August 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	Tatsuya NISHIMURA et al.
Group Art Unit	1742
Examiner Name	Harry D. WILKINS III
Attorney Docket Number	2001-1110A
Confirmation No.	9174

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted:

- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other_

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), Form PTO-1449 and cited references (4)
- iv. ☐ Other_

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other_

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 09/08/2004 SDENBOB1 00000075 09890871
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 0P
 - iii. ☐ Other_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$880.00 enclosed.

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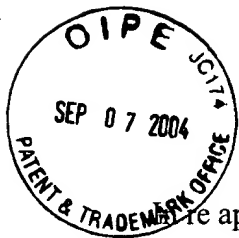
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Re application of : **Confirmation No. 9174**
Tatsuya NISHIMURA et al. : Docket No. 2001-1110A
Serial No. 09/890,871 : Group Art Unit 1742
Filed August 7, 2001 : Examiner H. D. WILKINS III
HYDROTHERMAL ELECTROLYTIC : **Mail Stop: RCE**
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, please consider the following remarks.